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Conductor: Gaetano Merola

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I. Interior of Church of Sant'Andrea Alla Valle.
ACT II. Scarpia Apartments in the Farnese Palace.
ACT III. Terrace, of San Angelo. Castle at Dawn.

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PROGRAM—Continued—

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RIGOLETTO

Opera in Four Acts, by Verdi

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Duke of Mantua	Giuseppe Agostini
Rigoletto	Mario Valle
Gilda	Regina Vicarino
Sparafucile	Pietro De Biasi
Maddalena	Stella De Mette
Montenerone	Natale Cervi
Conte di Ceprano	Antonio Canova
Contessa di Ceprano	Frances Morosini
Borsa	Amedeo Baldi
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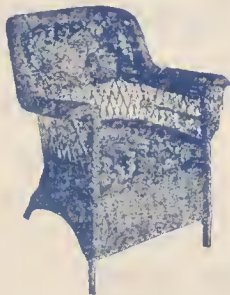
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PROGRAM—Continued—

RIGOLETTO—Continued

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

- ACT I. The Duke's Apartments.
- ACT II. Rigoletto's House.
- ACT III. Ante-Chamber of the Ducal Palace.
- ACT IV. A deserted spot on the shores of Mincio.

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RIGOLETTO—Continued

ARGUMENT

Gilda, the heroine, is the daughter of Rigoletto, a low-lived pandour in service of the libertine, Duke of Mantua, Count Ceprano and Count Montèrone, whose wives have been abducted by Rigoletto and his master, invoke the vengeance of the gods upon the twain. Rigoletto is extremely watchful of his own daughter. He never allows her to leave the house save to attend religious services. The wily Duke observes her on one of these occasions and traces her to her home. Ceprano and his adherents, supposing her to be the mistress to Rigoletto, endeavor to carry her off by force, and pretending to Rigoletto, that their object is Ceprano's wife, they cause him to assist them in the abduction of his own daughter.

Upon finding out the ruse, Rigoletto hires one Sparafucile to assassinate the duke, and Sparafucile, aided by his sister, Maddalena, induces the duke to go with him to an inn, intending there to make way with him. The duke's fascinating manner, however, inspires Maddalena to save him.

In the meantime Rigoletto has his daughter disguised in male attire, to thus make her escape to Verona, and brings her, before her departure, to the inn, that she may see the duk's faithlessness. While outside the inn, she overhears the plot to murder the duke and hears the would-be assassins state that they will surely kill the duke, unless they find a substitute for him, so as to secure the promised reward from Rigoletto. Gilda, with a woman's devotion, is only too eager to sacrifice herself for the man she loves, and enters the door, only to be mortally stabbed. Sparafucile throws the body into a sack and gives it to her father, thus completing the compact. Rigoletto about to cast the sack and all into the river, hears the voice of the duke, opens the sack, and discovers his daughter, still breathing. she dies forthwith. Rigoletto, overwhelmed, realizes the fulfillment of the invocation of the two Counts.

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Antonia	}	
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Spalanzani	}	Natale Cervi
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TALES OF HOFFMAN—Continued

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

PROLOGUE. Father Luther's Wine Cellar.

ACT I. Spalanzani's Reception Hall in Milan.

ACT II. Moonlight on the Grand Canal, Venice.

ACT III.—Crespel's Retreat in Munich.

EPILOGUE. Same as Prologue.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAR. 30, AT 8.15 P.M.

AIDA

Opera in Four Acts, by Verdi

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Aida	Bettina Freeman
Amneris	Stella De Mette
Radames	Giuseppe Inzerillo
Amonasro	Giuseppe Montanelli
Ramfis	Pietro De Biasi
King of Egypt	Natale Cervi
A Messenger	Amedeo Baldi
Priestess	Alice Homer

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AIDA—Continued

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

- ACT I. Scene 1—Hall in the Palace of the King of Memphis.
Scene 2—The Temple of Vulcan at Memphis.
ACT II. Scene 1—Hall in the Apartments of Amneris.
Scene 2—Entrance to the City of Thebes.
ACT III. Bank of the Nile.
ACT IV. Scene 1—Hall in King's Palace.
Scene 2—Temple of Vulcan with crypt beneath.
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PROGRAM—Continued—

AIDA—Continued

ARGUMENT

ACT I—Aida, the daughter of Ethiopia's king, is held in servitude by the Egyptians. She loves Radames who loves her. Amneris, daughter of the King of Egypt, is, although it is unrevealed, also in love with Radames. The latter is chosen leader of troops to resist the invading Ethiopians. He is victorious.

ACT II—Amneris learns that Radames loves Aida, which fact she has suspected. She becomes furious. Among the prisoners of Radames is Amonasro, Aida's father, though his rank is not known to the captors. The King liberates all prisoners, save Amonasro and Aida. He furthermore gives to the unwilling Radames the hand of his daughter in marriage.

ACT III—Radames, whose marriage with Amneris is about to take place, resolves to flee with Aida and Amonasro, but is apprehended by the high priest, Ramfis, and Amneris.

ACT IV—He is tried for treason and condemned to death, notwithstanding the entreaties of Amneris in his behalf. The last scene shows the re-union in death of Aida and the hero.

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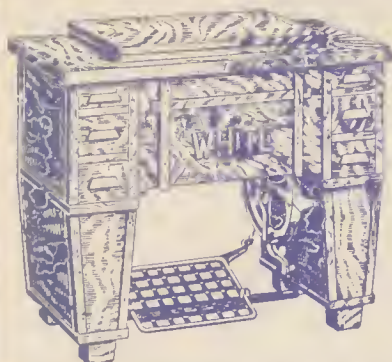
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CARMEN

Opera in Four Acts, by Bizet

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Don Jose	Pilade Sinagra
Escamillo	Giuseppe Montanelli
Dancairo	Natale Cervi
Remendado	Amedeo Baldi
Zuniga	Pietro De Biasi
Morales	Manuel Perez
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Carmen	Stella De Mette

Conductor: Gaetano Merola

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I. A public square in Seville.

ACT II. A tavern in the suburbs of Seville.

ACT III. A wild and rocky pass in the mountains.

ACT IV. A square in Seville; wall of the bull ring at the back.

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CARMEN—Continued

ARGUMENT

Soldiers are waiting for guard to be mounted. Micaela, a village girl, appears: she seeks a brigadier (Don Jose), bearing a message from his mother. The officer on guard invites her to wait, she declines and departs. The relief guard and Don Jose come on. The square is crowded by young men. Don Jose is indifferent. Girls enter, and young men inquire for Carmen, who asserts her desire for universal dominion by flinging at the silent Don Jose the flower she wears in her dress. Factory bells ring. Girls hasten to work. Don Jose's blood is roused, but the arrival of Micaela with a letter and purse from his mother calms him, and he resolves to stifle the sudden passion Carmen has excited, and devotes himself, as his mother wishes, to Micaela. She has scarcely gone and Don Jose is about to throw Carmen's flower away, when a noise is heard in the factory. The girls rush out. Two of them have quarreled. One of them is wounded—her assailant is Carmen. Jose is ordered to take her into custody, which he does, but subsequently unfastens the cords that bind her hands. She sings, and is saucy to the officer, who resolves on sending her to prison. Don Jose and two soldiers escort her. At the foot of the bridge a sudden push from Carmen throws Don Jose down and she escapes.

The second act displays an inn. Carmen is here with friends. They sing and dance. Officers and soldiers are here also. The captain is fascinated by Carmen. A new arrival, Escamilló, appears, the victorious bull-fighter of Granada. Soldiers and gypsies welcome him. He devotes himself to Carmen. 'Tis time to close the inn. Escamillo and soldiers depart, but two smugglers, having booty in view seek Carmen's assistance. She refuses to accompany them, telling them she is waiting for her lover. The smugglers try to persuade Carmen to induce Jose to join their band. She agrees, and when the enamored brigadier arrives Carmen tempts him to stay in spite of the trumpet of recall. He refuses to become a deserter, and is about to quit her when an officer forces his way in and orders him out. Sabres are drawn. Carmen calls for aid. The gypsies, Carmen and Jose escape to the mountains.

The contrabandists are busy; Jose is there with Carmen, whose love is waning. He still adores her, though stung by remorse for his mother. All are quitting the haunt when Escamillo arrives. He has toiled up the rock in pursuit of Carmen, and not knowing Jose reveals his passion to him. A fight is about to take place, but Carmen and the smugglers rush in and separate them. Jose upbraids Carmen. The sudden appearance of Micaela compels him to leave. He hesitates, but duty prevails and he follows Micaela.

A bull fight is about to begin. Escamillo is there with the faithless Carmen. He departs. Carmen's gypsy friends warn her that Jose is in search of her. She will not conceal herself and resolves to brave him. Jose comes. He tries to rekindle the old love. Carmen will not listen. Maddened with her joy at the triumph of Escamillo, Jose stabs her, and Carmen falls dead as the victorious Escamillo enters.

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PROGRAM—Continued—

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 1, AT 8.15 P.M.

LA BOHEME

Opera in Four Acts, by Puccini

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Mimi	Regina Vlearino
Rodolfo	Pilade Sinagra
Musetta	Madeleine Keltie
Marcel	Giuseppe Montanelli
Colline	Pietro De Biasi
Shaunard	Manuel Perez
Benoit	Natale Cervi
Alcindoro	Natale Cervi

Conductor: Gaetano Merola

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT 1. A Garret.

ACT 2. The Cafe Momus in the Latin Quarter.

ACT 3. Scene 1.—The Barriere de l'Enfer. Scene 2.—A Garret.

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PROGRAM—Continued—

SATURDAY MATINEE, APRIL 2, AT 2.30 P.M.

MADAME BUTTERFLY

Opera in Three Acts, by Puccini

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

Madame Butterfly (Cho Cho San) Anna Fitzlu
Suzuki (her servant) Stella De Mette
B. F. Pinkerton (of U.S. Navy) Giuseppe Agostini
Kate Pinkerton (his American wife) Alice Homer
Sharpless (U.S. Consul) Mario Valle
Goro (Marriage Broker) Amedeo Baldi
Yamadoro (Suitor for Cho Cho San) Natale Cervi
The Bonze (Cho Cho San's uncle) Pietro De Biasi
Trouble (Cho Cho San's Child)
Cho Cho San's Relatives and Friends. Servants
Conductor: Gaetano Merola

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PROGRAM—Continued—

MADAME BUTTERFLY—Continued

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I. Exterior of Pinkerton's house at Nagasaki.

ACT II. Interior of Cho Cho San's home; at the back a garden with cherries in bloom.

ACT III. Same as preceding.

PLACE. Nagasaki, Japan. TIME. The present.

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PROGRAM—Continued—

SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 2, AT 8.15 P.M.

IL TROVATORE

Opera in Four Acts, by Giuseppe Verdi

Conductor: Gaetano Merola

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Leonora	Bettina Freeman
Inez	Alice Homer
Manrico	Giuseppe Inzerillo
Count Di Luna	Nicola d'Amico
Azucena	May Barron
Ruiz	Amedeo Baldi
Ferrando	Natale Cervi

Soldiers, Citizens, etc.

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IL TROVATORE—Continued

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I. Scene 1.—Interior of Castle. Scene 2.—Garden.

ACT II. Scene 1.—A Ruined House. Scene 2.—Exterior of Church.

ACT III. Scene 1.—A Camp. Scene 2.—An Apartment.

ACT IV. Scene 1.—Exterior of Prison. Scene 2.—Interior of Prison.

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PROGRAM—Continued—

IL TROVATORE—Continued

ARGUMENT

Count Di Luna had two sons. The younger was supposed to have been bewitched by a gypsy woman, who was therefore burned alive. Azucena, the latter's daughter, swore vengeance. She succeeded in kidnapping the younger son of the old Count, because of her mother's fate. With him she repaired to the stake at which her mother's ashes were still to be seen. By mistake Azecuna threw her own babe into the flames insted of the stolen child. She fled to her tribe, bearing the boy with her. He grew to superb manhood, and was known as Manrico the Troubadour. In the meantime the Count had died. His older son succeeded to the title. The new Count was in love with Duchess Leonora.

ACT I.—Manrico, disguised, has been crowned victor of a tourney by the Duchess Leonora. A love results, shared by both. One night, the Count, while in the Royal Gardens, is surprised by the voice of the singing troubadour. Leonora, attracted by the song, has come from the palace. Mistaking the Count for his unknown brother, she hastens to him. Manrico has seen and is jealous. He and the Count duel. Manrico is not injured. He joins the army and leaves for the war, is wounded, and found on the battlefield by Azucena. She removes him to her mountain home and there restores him to health.

ACTS II and III.—He learns that Duchess Leonora, believing him dead, is about to enter a convent. He sets out and overtakes Leonora just in time, conducting her to Castellor, which is at once besieged by Di Luna. The troubadour is preparing for his marriage when he suddenly learns that a Gypsy (his supposed mother) is to be burned alive, having been taken by the enemy as a spy. Hastening to rescue her he is repulsed and taken prisoner. On the eve before the day set for the execution of mother and son, Leonora suddenly appears before Di Luna, offering her hand in marriage in exchange for the life of Manrico. The Count agrees.

ACT IV.—Leonora is permitted to enter the prison to release Manrico. On her way, however, she takes poison. Manrico, who doubts Leonora, now sees her faithfulness. Di Luna enters, takes in the situation at a glance, and orders that Manrico be killed. During the execution the Count drags Azucena to the window that she may behold the fate of her son. She then exposes her secret, and cries, "Manrico is thy brother. Mother, thou art avenged!"

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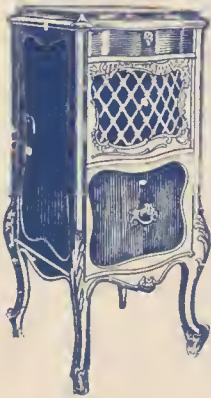
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